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SUBJ: UNDP 16 TH GC - AGENDA ITEM 8 C

1. AFTER WEDNESDAY MORNING CONCLUSION OF DEBATE ON AGENDA ITEM 8 A, BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC) TURNED TO ITEM 8 C, PROGRESS REPORT ON AGENCY OVERHEAD COSTS. UNDP ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR JOHN OLVER INTRODUCED DOCUMENT DP/ L.285 AND NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW COST MEASUREMENT SYSTEM ON TRACKS THERE WILL NOT BE MUCH DETAIL TO REPORT BEFORE NEXT JUNE AND EVEN THEN DATA MAY NOT BE COMPLETE ENOUGH TO SUPPORT SHIFT TO NEW REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR WHOLE OF 1974. THEREFORE ADMINISTRATION ASKING BFC FOR AUTHORITY CONTINUE PRESENT INTERIM REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF 13 PERCENT TO AT LEAST JUNE NEXT YEAR AND IF NECESSARY FOR ALL OF 1974. US SUPPORTED CONTINUATION OF EXISTING ARRANGEMENT THROUGH 1974 OR WHATEVER PORTION OF YEAR REQUIRED.

2. UK SUPPORTED ADMINISTRATOR' S REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY CONTINUE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT AND NOTED THAT IF ANY NEW RATE ESTABLISHED IN MID- YEAR EXECUTING AGENCIES SHOULD BE CONSULTED PRIOR ANY RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF SUCH RATE. CANADA AGAIN POINTED OUT DISAGREEMENT WITH PARA 5 DP/ L.285

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ANNEX IN WHICH CCAQ OPPOSED FIRST RECOMMENDATION OF JIU REPORT
ON NEW COST ACCOUNTING SYSTEM. CANADIANS NOTED BERTRAND'S

SUGGESTION SYSTEM BE ABLE MEASURE COSTS ON PROJECT BASIS SUPPORTED
BY MANY AND OPPOSED BY NONE AT LAST GC SESSION. SWEDES, DUTCH,
FRENCH, NORWEGIANS SIDED WITH CANADA WHILE INDIANS EXPRESSED
OPINION SUCH REFINED MEASUREMENTS MIGHT BETTER COME LATER.
ACCORDING ADMINISTRATION THEY WILL NOT, IN FACT, BE ATTEMPTED
INITIALLY.

3. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION BOTH UNDP AND
UNESCO NOW WORKING ON COST MEASUREMENT TASK FORCE. SOVIETS
GROUCHED THAT WHOLE PROCESS TAKING TOO LONG. SEVERAL DELEGATES
SUGGESTED THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF
NEW REIMBURSEMENT RATES WHENEVER THEY MAY BE ADOPTED. OLIVER
DISPELLED SOME BFC APPREHENSION BY STATING THAT EXECUTING
AGENCIES WERE WORKING SHOULDEREDLY IN ADOPTING NEW SYSTEM AND
THAT THOSE NOT YET USING IT ARE MAKING FULLY PREPARATION FOR
DOING SO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HE ALSO PLEADED FOR PATIENCE
BY CANADIANS AND OTHERS ON PROJECT BY PROJECT MEASUREMENTS
POINTING OUT THAT AGENCIES HAD PREFERRED NOT TO STRIVE FOR
SUCH DETAIL IN INITIAL YEAR OR TWO BUT FLEXIBLE ON LATER
REFINEMENT. FAO WHICH CHAIRING TASK FORCE HAS SET UP NEW
SYSTEM SO MEASUREMENTS WILL GIVE DATA BY PROJECT TYPES OR
CATEGORIES. COMMITTEE REPORT WILL SPECIFICALLY ENJOIN
ADMINISTRATOR TO ASSURE BERTRAND'S FIRST RECOMMENDATION
DP/L.251 ADD 1) IS NOT NEGLECTED. BASSIN

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